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Is部 numbez nine, time does fly when you're enjoying yourself. I do hava great iun each month putting together an itsue of FORMAT, and some people have amked juft how i do it. Magie? well no, juat plain hard work. Each isaue take about tan days, mostly under preasure to reach the printer by the agreed date. articies and programs are stored on disc and ified in printed form when they come in. Each month I try to select as broad a spectrum of items as I can. Any program is tested on both the DISCiPLE and the PLUS D and some small amendmenta are made, il neaded, to get it warking on both.
The fileiz and programs are then transfarred, via an RS232 link to a BBC' ${ }^{4}$. Why BgC? I hear you say, well the BBC has a word processor called worpwise which allows me fall fand instant) control over the printer I use (a Brother fisis Daisywheel) and allows me to do things I jwst couldn't do with the WYSInYG (What You See Is What You Get) type of word prodersor you get on the Spectrum. Just Ery underlining letterg like that with Tasword 2 or 3 and atill get eight justification on the 1 ino. There ia almo one other very pood reason for me using a abc, its got a spelling checker - and boy do I need that.
Once the files aze on the BBC they have the necessary control and format codes added and then the real job startis. Editing for length, and to make thingt look good in print, is sometimes a very long process, Several test printe may be done before I am gatidiled with the result. Now all that remsine ia to dray up some titles, some done on the Beeb some on the Spectrum, then design the Eront cover. All artwork ह5 then pasted-up at Ah and chese maters are then sent to the printers for reduction to A5 and printing. So thats it, now you know.

The latest nows on Sav 1i that ordars have been placed to aecure delivery of chip in October. With the current large imcrease in RAM chip prices it now look like the 256 K SAM w121 appear at around the ei 30 mark. The most asked guestion, at the moment, is WILL MY DISCiPLE / PLUS 0 WORK WITH SAM? Bruce Gordon has promised me they will, although because the ROM is totally different fron the Spectrums, there will need to be a new verision of the DOS produced. I hope to be able to make announcement on a priority order system lor INDUG members in the naxt $\mathrm{i}_{\mathrm{B}} \mathrm{m}$ fonths so keep reading.

Finally, where are those Hints \& Tips? its been about three months since I last saw one. Is there anyone out there?

See you next month.
Bob Erenchley. Editor.

## ODSOPBLE WEMS.

## SHROPSHIRE SCITOOLS GET THE PLUS D

Shropshire County Council have juat ordared 250 PLU8 $D$ interfaces for use in the counties schools. Many schools are now buying Spectrums because they are so much cheaper then the competition (BBC Master computers). They recognise the importance of giving as many children as possible "Hands on experience with computers.
MGT belloves this will bo the firat of many orders from around the country and would 11 ke to hear from snyone interested in, 05 already using the plus $D$ in education.

## QUTPUT FOR GAMES

Games enthusiaste may be interested in a new 'fanzine' called outpur. The first issue (January g8) contained soveral very readable games reviows as well as an oditorial and a Hinta Tips page. This first issue was well printed (if a little sparse) with good use of graphics. The editor, Simon Gardner states that they intend to cover all aspects of the games market (arcade, adventure, simulation etc) as well as programming, hacking and hazdware

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## NEW TWO-WAY CONNECTOR FROM MGT

Very soon MGT will be launching a new TWO WAY expansion connetor for the Spectrum. Druce Gordon, who if deaigning the unlt, gees it as the ideal adaptor for PLuS D owners. Priced at around E14.95 it will have a joystick port (Kempston compatible) and two edge connectors both fitted with switches to enable peripherals to be switched out. This will avoid confliets between say the BLUS D and the VTX5000.

## ON TIIE MOVE

MGT are about to expand by moving into new prentmes in South Wales, $A$ move from the very cramped conditions they work under in Cambridge has been on the cards for some months, it seems likely that Swansea will he the new hove for MGT and the expansion will enable them to produce the PLUS $D$ in the larger numbers required to meet demand. It will also provide then with room to work on SAM. All the current staEf will move in the next fow woeks and the expansion will creato several new jobs in the near future with more to come later chis year when SAM production gets under way. We will have the new address and telephone number for you by next months issue.

## By: JOHN MASE.

Although 280 maching code 18 assembled and run relatively eatily on a \$pectuon, and although $1 t$ runs miraculously fast in comparian with spectrum Babic, thers are Big Snagsi Iti not in easy or tuick to write and come next weak it ${ }^{+}$it difficult to see What it sis doing, Basic does not suffer from this and if speed 15 unimportant and the program complex, it can often be better.
of the Basics, Sinclaix Spectrum Bafic is particularly slow fon the PCW Benchmarki Index, Nov'a7 there is only on machine lifted wich 1e slowerl, and although it is clear, elean ana unclutterea, it in somewhat ilmited in zetpece of commands. So 1t's easy to end up with a "Slow Spectrum-gasie Spaghetti Program" - Enter Beta Basic. Beta Easic feeds into part of the RAM and interacts with and mhances the existing RON system by adding extra commands and functions, and modifying and extending many of the existing ones.

Detcribing all these in detall in well nigh smpotitible in the space avaslable, with over Eeventy axtra commands/keyworda, many of them multiple (like BORDER 1, BORDER z, utc). In addition there are some twenty-six extra functions which also appear as still further keywords, and the whole Sinclair system has been rafined to make it easier to uFi. The prograr has a long pedigree ( $x$ have versions 1.8 and 2.0) leading to the current $3.0(48 K)$ and $4.0(128 K)$ veriong, and now PLUS D/DISCIPLE disc vertions have atarted to appeas.

So, what makes these programe so useful? Well, try using the keyword CSIzB which chances character-size on screen ffron 64 characters wide, or even more at a big pinch, to one huge letter). When you enter it, either for vergion 3.0 or 4.0 the editing $21 n$ is a good old-fashioned Sinclair Basie $4 B \mathrm{~K}$ lime at the botton of the sereen; none of thst funny 128 kmode with the appaliing 2011 page editor, redrawing the screon at each is entered and losinn half the next line because it's too slou to keep up with your typing. But you can ontar keywords aither ancle keystrokes, or as a combination of keywords and typed out corcis, or as words typed in fuls only. The choice is yours. On and if your program line'i syntactically incorrect, you get beped at.
once the line in entered in the program, you notice that the current line marker is much more prominent (white on black compared with Sinclair's. It noves up and down the program quicker, too, and the screen scrolis more quickly than yout wer used to. There's a good RENHMber in the toolkit which erables you to renumber, copy, move or delete blocks of program, and you
can JOIN or SPLIT 1indes: (the Latker's not really a keyword; ;? is used\}. If you've just entered a line, type zero and then a line number; say 1020, The keyword EDIT appearg thus: EDIT 1020 on the input line: on entering it line 1020 appears. And the editing cursor now behaves properly, too, moving up and down as well a a side to aide.

Much more important for programmers are the Iasic enhancements - enhanced loops iDO...LOOP, DO WHILE conditioni DO UNTIL condition, EXIT IF...) and IF' statements (IF...THEN... ELSE); ON (selects line nuaber/statement) and LIST FORMAT which emphasizes structure with "pretty listings. You can debug using TRACE and there is an ON ERROR command, too; very useful. But by far and away the most uneful of ali in the vary tull implementation of procedures (PROC, DEF PROC, END PROC), WIth EOCAL, REF parameter, DEFAUL's variable and ITEM function. So you can define a procedure (DEF PROC Bomename), write it and finish with END PROC: somename (or PROC somename) will call it from anywherg in the progran. Global and LOCAE variables can be used and parameters are passed by referencef bven arrays. This makes programs much aasler to read and follow and allows programmera to develop program modules that can be Inserted with ease into now programs under developement.

There are improved SAVE, LOAD, MERGE and VERIFY, which should deal with parts of programs or arrays (but see later) and so you can save a library of complex procedures and use then in your program, if necessary RENUMbering them after they have been MERGEd; and if your disc syntax is complicatod ftry microdrive syntax) , then DEFAULT Aimplifiai it. You can chop up arxayp and then join bits togother without losing data, or or alTER its size without data losm. INARRAY Ind INSTRING will mearch arraya, and \&ENGTH gives an array's dimensions. Finally, you can display the results of your calculations beautifully with all the enhanced Beta Basic graphic and display commands = GET beraen area and PLoT the result back with ALTERed attributes somewhere olbe. Do some advartising: a nice big coloured masage can be RoLLed round and round the screans a longer one can be \$choLLed right off, in the manner of the electronic diaplays one sees in the shops these days.

Finally, if you want your dead serious results printed out neatly in proper columan, then use PRINT USING - yes, it'11 take wildcarda too, PRINT USING EHA, fin, for fnstance, printa out the sung In real munney! All thia lot has real ayncak checking you've really still got your old original Spectrum, but with extra keywords which behave just the same as the old ones extra keywords, which behave just the same as the old ones Whoopeel What m wore, there are often considerable saving in SETURNs are all quicker than you are used to.

The snag is that 11 this takes a goodly chunk of the 48 x Spoctrum' memory, leaving about 22 K for your Basic program. All righty 1 know that you don't often write Basic progranis of 22 K or more. But suppose, for instance, that you have a list of names and addresses in an array. And you want to use, say, SORT in oxford. If the program is very long, you haven't got room.

And that's Where Beta Basic comes 1n. Although the 128 K program appears at first to be the same, and all the extra commans you had before are still thexe, it allows you to use, in addition, a large RAMdise Eile, with a special range of commands, all ending in ( (shriak). so DIM f foes (1000, 60 cribates a 60 k RAMdise file which you can manipulate rapidly, Fo netance, LET 1 jpes (S0). "rhubarb" enable you to ateign the string "rhubarb" to element 50 of the array. PRINT INARRAY ("joes (a)", mhubarb") will find "rhubarb" in about two third of a second per thousand strings: only dbout aurter second if position in the string is givan. Even more important are LIST 1 and RLIST 1 as this gives you the ability to risi strean direct to channel. so to an opentype fil on DISCiPLE/PLUS D, (or Mierodrive, on that you can set up files in RAM, manipulate them very ouickly
 the sorw in vereion into the disct reloadint is by TNPUT t Effectively this bive you random accesg at a In dadition, you at a speed which many a PC owner would envy (sate as in Spectrum 128 K Basicl, and finaliy CAT : which also now gives you the fzee RAMdisc Bpace (78K max).

The 12dk program also has some extras, apart from the RAMdisc commands. DRAW is about 2.5 timer Easter than Sinclaiz' $B$, and will use the bottom two screen lines, as will the new plot: CIRCL is such quicker - by around twelve times - than Sinclair' and you can Eill an area with patterns by mans of FILL USING. The 128 K mode kayword pLaY might illew you more raolitie than the old igk ages (what wouldr t), but it still i, is very versatile ift che chip sounds. The new command, BEEE period tone period, duration, noise periad, envelope, envelope period and volume) and, best of all, is interrupt-driven, so nothing has to stop whilst it is gounding.

As a dedicnted Beta Basic user I am enthusiattic about the programs. They provide an unbalievable number of facilitias, and user aupport fs readily availabla through Beta Basic"s own news letter. There are one or two snags with the Discigle/4D systems: LoADing and saveing program parts (e.g. procedures) is difficult; DEFAULT doennt work, either. Fortunately if you are intending to get the program, their newsietter will keap you up to date with any further "fixes" or onhancoments. The newaletter hal attractad quite a following and ia a real bonefit to all Beta Basic users.

The whole lot comes in a super plastic wallet with a tape and 88 page manual for version 3 , closely printed and beautifully produced with lote of helpiul examplew, and with a supplamentary 32 page manusi for version 4 . The earliar vecsions were sinclair User clasisics: the curzent superb ones at els.95 must be a snip.

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KEMPSTON II II

Dragon's Lair If is one of that growing band of progran ermed 'Multi Loaders'. This means later acreens Ievels thrams game are loaded in from tape later ncreens/ levels in the anapshot dovice yot invent as the game progresseb. No ype of progzon to dise invented cain cope with converting this par progzan to disc, so it wan down to a bit of hard haeking in order to transfer the game to my DISCIPLE system. I hape the following will help not only owners of Dragons' E Lair II but also users who would like to convert other games but dont know where to start.

The first thing $I$ did was to look at the type of loading routine the program uses. In this case it looked like a normal loading routine, f.e. border colours are yellow/blue and the speed is the same ab normal. Therefore I thought it probably used the spectrums rom routine at 1366 decimal ( 0556 hex). Protection was my next problem. To see if the basic loader had protection I tried to MERGE it. I got the message - 0 OK, $0: 1 \mathrm{so}$ the loader was not protected from MERGE.

When Listed I got the following:-
10 REM DRAGON'S LAIR II
20 PAPER O: INK O: BORDER O: CLEAR 32767: POKE 23624,0: CLEAR: RESTORE
30 POKE 23659,0: POKE 23614,0
40 LOAD "4 CODE $\{6384$
50 FOR F=O TO 1B: READ A: POKE E $\uparrow 64512$, A: NEXT F: RANDOMIRE US R 64512
60 data $221,33,0,129,17,0,75,62,255,55,205,46,5,218,1,129,195$, 0,252
100 Save "escape" LINE 10
Line 30 is the nasty line! These two pokes cause the computer to crash if an error occurs, e.g. breaking into the program, Line 50 pute machine-code loader into the memory, This is an important line as it told me wher the code is loaded and it's length.

The data statement in line 60 contains the machine-code which is poked in at address 64512. The numbers $221,33, x, x$ (ID IX,nn) tell the ROM loading routing where the loaded code is to be put, in the above 1 isting it in 0,129 which is 33024 . The $17, x, x$ ( $\mathrm{LD} D \mathrm{DE}, \mathrm{nn}$ ) gives the number of byter to be loaded, 0,75 as above which is 19200 bytes. The naxt bytee 62 , (LD $x, 255$ ), telle the ROM routine to load a CODE file and the 55 (SCF) indicates that it is zoad and not veriry, Following these bytes is the actual call to the ROM tape loading routine and the jump into the
machine code, wo must replacs thesep from the 218 , with $210,10,252,201,0,0$ now delete line 30 and line 100 then add the following line:

70 PORE 23624,56: PAPER 7:CLS: SAVE d1"ESCAPEC"CODE 33024,19200
The program was run and the tape started. After the man block of code had loaded it was automaticaliy saved to dise just in case I needed to reload it later.

I then typed NEM and entered the following progran which will search for the CALL to the tape loading routine in the spectrums ROM:-

10 FOR A=33024 70 52223: LET \%のPEEK A
20 IF $Z=194$ OR $\quad=195$ OR $Z=204$ OR $Z=205$ TEEN GOTO 100
30 NEXT $A$
100 LET AD=PEEK $(A+1)+256$ *PEEK $(A+2)=$ IF AD 31365 AND ADC1400 TH EN PRINT A:STOP
110 cOTO 30
I ran the program and walted for an addrese. It doen not need to be exactly 1366 it could be slightly higher. After t short wait the program returned the value 34457. I then looked at the bytas before this until seaching either a 201 , a $195, x, x$ or another jump ingtruction which normally will be the end of the previous routine. The byte directly after this is the byte which vill be called from within the gane to do its loading. $t$ then had to search for those CaLia\{st by substituting the following line:m

100 LET $A 0=$ PEEK $(\lambda+1)+256$ - PEEK $(A+2):$ IF AD $=34447$ THEN PRIHT $A: S$ TOP

I found the address was 34447 by looking at the bytes betore 34457. The returned number 1 s where the program will go to when it wants to load something from tape.

Looking through the code, the zoutine starting at 34408 jumped to khis routine.

$$
\begin{aligned}
& \text { LD DE, } 134466\} \\
& \text { LD EX, } 38912 \\
& \text { LD A,255 } \\
& \text { LD fL, } 34423 \\
& \text { JR } 34447
\end{aligned}
$$

The value loaded into the ix fegister pair it the placa where the code ts to be loaded. The register pair oB holds the length of the block of data, it gat the langth from the header before the block of data. I then had to search for the CALL to this routine. As I did before, putting 34408 into the gasic program listed earller.

I then found the number 34310 which eallod thin routine. Examining the bytes before the call, told ale about the header and how it figures out if it is loading the correct section or not. I tound that the bytes from 34294 to 34312 were the important bytes to consider as the call made at 34294 is to a
coutine which loads thrae bytes into the memory which is the header. It loads the data into address 34465 to 34467. The dssassembly for tha routine between these loaders 1s:-

$$
\begin{aligned}
& 34294 \text { CALL } 34388 \\
& 34297 \mathrm{LD} \mathrm{~A},(34465) \\
& 34300 \mathrm{LD} \mathrm{B,A} \\
& 34301 \mathrm{LD} \mathrm{A,}(34469) \\
& 34304 \mathrm{cE} \mathrm{~B} \\
& 34305 \mathrm{NR} \text { NZ, } 34294
\end{aligned}
$$

I how had all the information that was needed to write the loading routine. Uning the control coden the following losder wa veittan: -
load: LD $\lambda_{\text {, }}(34469)$ WHERE THE COMPUTER STORES WHICH LEVEL ADD A. 4 A ; CHANGE IT INTO A NUMERIC CHARACTER LD (NAM+5), A LOAD THE NUHEER INTO THE NANE

The rest of the listing in the same as in the DISCiPLE manal.
My naxt problem Wes where to put 1t. I searched and thon deeided to put it in on of the message areas. The most uitable area was starting at 34470 . The routine "load" including the DISCipts loading antine wag put herg then had to sench through the code to find any routines which pointed to search through the code ta find any routines which pointed to areas arint routine by 3 ans. And changed them so as rot to call the print routine by making the bytes $205,68,134$ equal to zero After this the only change to the progranis the message you get mesiage mill be placed over the revind tape meleage which it displays before the instructions which starts at 36630 . I risplays berora at 3429 to changed the call at 34294 to call 34471 ana make all the byte tween 34297 and 34317 aqusl to zero The cocte file was thon saved.

A small program was then writton to load the screen from tape and save then to disc. After running and transfering tha lovels I Hinally wrote a loader program and saved it to disc.

For those of you who want the easy way out $I$ qive belote a conversion program. Type it in, then RuN and atart the tape. The conversiom program. sype it in, then RuN and start the tape. The prompts on screan to start and atep the kape.

10 REM Dragon's Laix II.
20 REM Convergion to DISCiPEE/PLUS D diac systems.
30 REN By Huch $J$. MeLenaghan
40 REM
70 DEF FN h(hs) = ( (CODE hs (SGN PI)-VAL "48"-(VAL "7" AND hS \{SGN


80 CLEAR VAL " $32767^{\mathrm{Hz}}$ LOAD N"CODE VAL "163日4": SAVE d*"ESCAPE S"SCREENS * LOAD ""CODE : RESTORE VAL "150": CLS \& PRINT AT VAL "10", VAL " 10 "; FLASA SGN PI;"PLEASE NAIT";AT VAI "5" VAL "9"; IN VERSE SGN PI;"STOF THE TAPE"
90 READ addr
100 IF addr>VAL "65535" THEN GO TO VAL " 240 "

110 READ hS：LET tot－NOT PI
120 LET $z=F N \mathrm{~h}(\mathrm{hs})$ ：LET h\＄wh（INT PI TO ）：POKE addz，＊：IJET add

130 READ $t=$ IF tots3t THEN PRINT＂TYping ERROR＂：STOP
140 CO TO VAL＂ 90 ＂
150 DATVA VAL＂34117＂，＂000000000000N，NOT PI
160 DATA VAL＂34124＂，＂1E＂，VAL＂30＂
160 DATA VAL＂34124＂，＂15 VASA VAL＂34288＂，＂3AA5＂，VAL＂ 223 ＂
180 DATA VAL＂34292＂，＂0C870D21EAB6CF3B11F9860609CF3C121310FAEDS BFC86C30287000000000000＂${ }^{\text {V }}$ VAL＂3066＂
190 DATA YAL＂ 34325 ＂＂O1 SGM PI
200 DATA VAL $144538^{\text {＂4＂}} 101000054044 \mathrm{C} 6576656 \mathrm{C} 312020202003001800400$ OOOFFFFEDABFAB6CF3DC30EB600C63032F4日6C9＂，VAL＂3572＂
210 DATA VAL＂36632＂，＂2020444F204E4FS42052454D4F564520544845204 419534B2046524F4D2054484520445249564520202A2A202020＂，VAL＂2817＂ 220 DATA YAL＂ 65 e3＂＂373E00DD21005日110400CD56053EFF37DD210098ED 5B015日D5CD5605C1C9＂．VAL＂2日80＂
5B015AD5CD5605C1C9＂
240 FOR a＝VAL＂34474＂TO VAL＂34537＂：POKE a，NOT PI：䏠EXT 240 FOR a＝VAL＂34474＂TO VAL＂34537＂＂POKE a，NOT PI：NEXT a
250 FOR a＝YAL＂34578＂TO VAL＂34604＂：POKE a，NOT PI：NEXT a

260 SAVE d＂＂ESCAPE C＂CODE VAL＂ 270 CLS
270 CLS＂PRINT AT VAL＂＂FOR ALESGN DI TO VAL＂7＂；LEET lenoUSR V
 AL．＂65e3＂
n：NEXT a 290 CLS ：PRINT Mall data saved．Now type in and gave the loade「．＂
This simple loader program should also be kyped in．
10 CLEAR VAL＂32767＂；LOAD D＊＂ESCAPE＿S＂SCAEENS：LOAD D＂＂ESCAPE ＿C＂CODE：RANDOMIZE USR VAL N $33025^{\prime \prime}$
Now save it by：SAVE D1＂ESCAPEHLINE 10 and the jobs done．Sic beck and onjoy the game，ft Will rot make it any gasier to play but its much nicar not having to wait for the tape to load each section．

## GLITCH RERPORT

Oh dear，I dropped a epanner in the works last month．The oxcelient conversion of Art Studio by Villy Feltmann was just a fow Ilnes too long for the space I silocated，wo mith elash of the word processor I made it zhorter．But I also made it NOT wokk．．．In altering lines of the hexloader，line so come out wrong．It should read：－

50 FOR b＝1 T0 len／2：LET bytea $16 *\{$ CODE b $\$(1)-48=\{7$ AND b $\$(1)>"$ $\left.9^{\prime \prime}\right) \mid+\left(\operatorname{CODE} \mathrm{b} \$(1)-48-\left(7\right.\right.$ AND bs $\left.(1) 3^{\mathrm{N}} 9^{\prime \prime} \mid\right)$ ：POKE $\mathrm{a}+\mathrm{b}-1$ ，byte：LeT che ckechock $\rightarrow$ byte：LET b $\$$ bbs（3 TO 1：NEXT b

The difference being the＇len／2＇in the firgt statement instead of＇len STEP 2＇．My apologies to everyone who tried the conversion and falled through my error．

A NEW MONTIILY PEATURE

By：Patrick McMahon．

Over the next few months I am alming to give you，the reader， an in depth look at Micronet；how it functions，itw facilities， and more importantly its users and IP＇今（Information Providers）．

Once you have got your VTX 5000 modem plugged into your Spectrus you are all set to access Micronet．This simply involves dialling up one of the Prestel computers（there are two for the South east area，Enterprise and Derwent）through your local access number and logging on by entering your 10 digit id number and your personal password which ean be a combination of Eour Ifgures（numbers or letters）．Nith all that over you are presented with your firat proper Mieronet page which welcomes you to the Databasa by name and tells when you lant called． Keying（Enter）takes you to the main menu（fig 1）which displays an extremely general index of what is a vast Database． the index proper takes literally hundreds of pages of text．


## Fiq 1

## spectrum



F19＿2

To get to the Spectrum 估icrobase you just have to key ${ }^{4} \mathrm{ZxH}$ ． you are then presented with the＂What＂g new＂index（fig 2）．This usually consiats mainly of Letters from Micronetters with problems with their system，Hicrohet or just airing their views bout life in genaral．Roviews of sof tware and hardware are also common，most recently there have been revient of the DISCiPLE， 43 and the PLuS D．There is also a spot for soldering，to get to this you key＂Solder ONH，which provides easy step by step instructions on how to repair or modify your hardware．A recent article was how to make your PLUS D work with the VTX 5000 modem by means of a sort of inhibit button（Warning，this may Invalidate your guarantee）．Talking of VTX 5000 modems；Micronet dre doing quite a good offer on then th the moment If you subscribe to Micronet for one year they will give you a FREE moden．not bad eh！

A good introduction to using Micronet is the Gallery where

Ip's update regularly pages of text and graphics which provide many different items such as free programs one example Many just Sky software gallery pages and the soit optioir pages eg specialize in providing free telesoftware on their pages eq Phantom Viewdata. Others concentrate on proaucing hardware and software reviews for other people on Micronet to read and anjey A far Ip's but not many have graphio pages on their gallery A Law ip ond examplis is Simon Grant Graphies (GASP iig 2 , pages, one examplood selection of some the best qraphics available on Micronet. Many of the IP's also run sulletin Boards available (a similar idea to Micronets phantom viewdata and Phantom gallery pages.


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The IP'i are extremely hard working people and often run their gallary aigex 1990 a timb) and Builatin Boards at grant expang to themselves.
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## 日y: John Nixon.

With up to gighty files per dige the oIsciple / pLus D sometimes makes life a little difficult for us poor users. With it's powerful wildcard facility it is yery easy to issue a command like ERASE di"DATA"" only to find you have ERASEd ono fila too many. Uking a moparate ERASE command for each ille is both long Winded and prone to ezrors due to mis-typing.

This utility is designed to take the stress out of clearing up your discs. When run, it creates a catalogue of the disc in an array, it then stops through dsaplaying each filename on screen and aaking you to ERASE $Y$ or $H$ ?. If you reply no then the filename is removed from the array. At the end of the loop through the array, if you have Baid yos to any fllea, a list of Eiles to be ERASEd is displayed and you are asked to confirm that the list is OX.

The files are then deleted using a Basic line, this avoids any problems that might arise through errors from rewriting an amondod directory sector by sactor.

[^0]180 NEXT J: NEXT I
190 IF NOT F THEN PRINT "RUN ABORTED, 20 EILE EOUND": STOP
200 LET $\mathrm{N}=0$
210 FOR $\ddagger \neq 1$ TO F: CLS: LET $\mathrm{A} \$ \times F \$(\mathrm{I})$


240 PRINT
NT ${ }^{3}$
ERASE Y OR N?"
250 LET ISOINKEY象: IF I\$EM THEN GOTO 250
250 TF TS\&"N" THEN LET FS(I)=" ${ }^{\text {N }}$ " GOTO 290
260 IF $5583^{\circ 1} \mathrm{Y}$ THEN GOTO 250
280 LET NeN4 1
290 IF TNKEYSく>M THEN COTO 290
300 NEXT I
300 NEXT I
340 IF THEN PRENT HHH NO ELLES SELECTED"H14 RUN ABORTED."
coT0 9999

330 CLS: PRINT 2s INVERSE 1 FO FINES THEN PRINT FS(I)
340 FOR $1=1$
360 INPUT FLASH 1 ; "ARE YOU SURE ? Y or $\mathrm{B}^{\prime \prime}$ "IS
370 IF IS (1) ${ }^{4 \prime} \Psi^{n}$ THEN GOTO 400
370 IF IS(1) ${ }^{11} \mathrm{~N}^{\mathrm{m}}$ THEN STOP
390 60T0 360

400 CLS: PalN2 FZ TF PG (I) ${ }^{\text {n }}$
420 ERASE d1FFS(I)
430 ERASE CIMRSSED ${ }^{*}$ :ESII)
430 PRINT 4
440 NEXT I
 460 LETURN
9998 CAT 1: STOP
9999 SAVE d1"BULKERASE ${ }^{* 1}$ LINE 20
 paradise withouts tompultor."



# ANIMATOR <br> A REVIEW 

Hy: Jess Sulivan.

ANIMATOR 1 is a powerful piece of software intended primarily cor the design and ansmation of sorites. The featuren that make for a sine snimation package also serva to set the ANIMATOR 1 apart from most other art packagon available for the spactrum zange of compukers. Most IBM compatible art goftware is slso hard pressed to equal some of the mitunt: that are possible with ANIMATOR 1.

This reviev will not go into depth on all the features of ANIMATOR 1 - you'll have to gee for yourbelf - but guick liat goen something like this:

LIN: FUNCTIONS - single linse, pinned linee, rubberbanding and freehand.

CIRCLES - You can put a circle of any size anywhere on the screen. These circles can even run off of the screen if necessary.

DRanrw - Controlled frok the keyboard, once you get the hang of it you will be surprised at the ease and speed with whioh things can be drawn accurately.

MAGNIFICATION - A particularly handy option is the magnification window. This window occupies about $1 / 6$ of the screen but can be moved anythere you desire, If switchod off at B particular position, it will still be there the noxt time you switch it on. This window 1.8 perfect for close in vork.

SCREEN SCROLLING $=$ The cursor keys act to move the screen in any desired dfrection one row or column or row and column at a time The screen can aiso be rotated by 90 , 180,270 or 360 degreea at the touch of a key.

ATTRIBurbs - The Spectrus Heroon attributos are tully controllable within ANIMATOR I even to the extent of having different paper and ink coloura at every character location on the screen. You can Blso INVERSE the screen and in effect, print text or draw on the back of the paper and then inverse it again to see the actual result.

SPRITES - This in the most interesting feature of ANIMATOR 1 , You can etore and andmate up to 256 sprite images finot just the bit image, but the attributes as well). If you define your sprites as being Eull screen size, this gives you two screens that are stored in memory and be called at any time. This gives you three screen on which to work. The sprite function alsp
serves as a eutpaste facility and a library of designt of pictures can be saved to disc.
TEXT HANDLTNC - Brilliant. You are able to print text anywhere TEX the screen in any size. Using the DISCipte or PLUS D screen dump facilities, you can create an A4 size poster in about minute if you haven't much to say or about 10 minutes if you are quite laquacious.
CHARACTER SET/UDGs - The Ansmator allows you to redesign any of chalatin can tiso redesign the fout etandard pen sizes, also redesigh one of over 65000 hatch patterns. Once defined, these can all be savad to dise for future ule.
COnPATTBILITY - A. the ANLMATOR 1 progran uses Microdrive COMPATIBILITY - A comiands throughout. Softcat Micros has released a special visciple tor for DISCiPLE and PLUS D users which incorporates am version jurt for piscistion. This vezilon is avallable only from Muto

Fhis is only a taste of the good things that the ANIMATOR 1 Shis is only a couple of program is capable of doing. the manual is not as concise as it potential problems. Firstiy, you fully understand the package, a perhaps could be. berore disastrous results. Also, some mouse wrong keypress could have disk of a mouse or even joystick option users may find the lack of a mos. I found ANImATOR 1 to be annoying. Aside from these two dofinite must for anyone working fast and exsy co usics and quite lot of fun as well.

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This REN listing is to be used in conjunction with the Data Compiler see issue 17. DISCiPLE owners miss out Iines 200 onwards. PLus D users with G+bos vexsion 2 miss out lines $180,190,260$ (version ( usera miss 11nes 180,190).
Once you have typed in the REM listing Save it to Dise by fSAVE d1"temp" then load in the Data Compller by CLEAR 29999: LOAD d1"datacomp" CODE then type RUN. If there are no errors then type:-
RANDOMIZE USR 30829: SAVE d1"TAPE-DISC" COOE 0,6656 (DESCIPLE) RANDOMIZE USR 308AA: SAVE di"TAPE-DISC" CODE 8192,6656 (PLUS D)
This will gave a special version of the System file for future บร日.

With the new System File loaded we can call up the Snapshot key routine. press the smapshot button then key (OISCipte) or key 0 \{PEUS D\}, You will then Bate ptay TAPE printed on the top acreen so preen play on your tape recorder: Artor the fres header bloek loads you will ose the Filename and the rolevart information on the program file type. If FILE TYPE ERROR is printed you have attempted to load a file which is not basic. Numerfc Array, Character Array or Code. Once the next data block is loaded the currently used Disc Drive $\left\{\mathrm{D}^{*}\right\}$ will gtart up with the tape file automatically transferring to disc, If LOADING ERROR is peinted then the tapa program jula loadad if corrupted and will not be transferred. If when a tape program is loading you wish it not to be kransferred to disc press Space or Break.

The routine will even copy machine code files 16344,49152 which use all Spectrum memory.

1 CEEAR 29999: RANOOMIZE USR 64512
5 REM G30000
10 REM $49,255,255,33,175,23,6,12,205,70,23,33,160,24,17,0,255,1$ $170,0,237,176,55,62,0,221,33,122,23,17,17,0,205,0,255,210,87,23$ $215,107,13,33,123,23,6,10,205,70,23,62: 4419$
20 RЕM $32,215,16,0,58,122,23,167,32,30,33,187,23,6,12,205,70,23$ $, 237,75,133,23,33,6,1,205,150,24,237,75,135,23,33,6,2,205,150,24$ $24,74,254,1,32,31,33,199,23,6,20,205,70: 4003$
30 RE4 $23,237,75,133,23,33,14,1,205,150,24,205,160,24,50,136,23$ $, 214,64,215,16,0,24,39,254,2,194,255,23,33,219,23,6,21,205,70,23$ $, 237,75,133,23,33,16,1,205,150,24,205,160: 4686$
40 REM $24,58,136,23,214,120,215,16,0,62,36,215,16,0,42,135,23,3$ $4,141,23,33,203,92,34,135,23,55,62,255,221,42,135,23,237,91,133$, $23,205,0,255,210,87,23,33,123,23,17,103: 4417$
50 REM $23,1,10,0,237,176,19,1,8,0,237,176,58,122,23,50,113,23,6$
$0,50,102,23,61,167,40,10,254,1,40,14,254,2,40,15,24,18,42,141,23$ $, 34,120,23,24,43,33,64,0,24,29,33,12,31,237,91,116,23,237,75,114$, $, 34,12,23,24,221,33,98,23,205,79,21,23,91,16,23,235,34,120,23$ $23,205,86,21,205,129,41,195,33,22,34,17,23$,
$23,205,8,2,20,12,4,215,229,197,62: 470$
$, 33,203,92,34,16,23,193,225,126,215,16,0,35,16,249,201,33,143,23$, 70 REM $2,215,1,22,19,22,10,100,0,32,32,32,32,32,32,32,32,32$, $6,15,205,70,23,195,33,22,1,0,0,100,1,32,32,2897$
$32,0,0,0,0,0,0,0,0,0,0,32,32,32,32,32,32,23,13,76,79,65,68,73,78$, $80 \mathrm{REM} 32,32,32,32,0,0,0,0,0,0,0,0,0,0,13,13,76,79,65,32,69,82,8$ $71,32,69,82,82,79,82,13,13,70,73,76,69,32,84$,
$71,79,82,22,0,11,80,76,65,89,32,84,65,80: 2788,79,13,78,85,77,69,82$ 90 REM $69,13,66,65,83,73,67,13,32,65,85,84,79,67,72,65,82,65,67$, $73,67,32,65,82,82,65,89,13,84,89,80,69,32,6$
$84,69,82,32,65,82,82,65,89,13,84,89,80: 3467,79,68,69,32,254,3,4$ 100 REM $69,32,13,77,65,67,72,73,78,69,32,67,79,68,69,32,254,7,23$ $0,11,33,158,23,6,17,205,70,23,195,33,22,33,24$
$237,75,135,23,205,153,24,62,44,215,16,0,38,237,91,133,23,25,122$ 110 REM $237,75,133,23,205,153,24,42,135,23,23,21,237,83,80,24,37$, $254,2,56,65,124,167,40,5,254,255,194,209,22,2$
$34,109,24,55,62,255,221,42,135,23,17,0,0 ; 478,243,205,83,255,25$ 120 REM $205,0,255,221,33,214,27,17,0,1,62,255,24,176,195,226,22$, $1,210,87,23,49,120,25,33,214,27,17,0,0,1,0,5,2$
$42,135,23,229,62,255,55,221,33,64,15,23,5,237,75,133,23,237,176$ 130 REM $91,133,23,205,0,255,33,64,156,209,237,75,133,23,237,1,22$ $, 195,226,22,205,163,24,215,43,45,215,227,5332$
, $215,16,0,124,215,16,0,125,215,16,0,193: 5332,168,255,229,219,254$, +140 REM $201,0,20,8,21,243,62,15,211,254,33,168,255,22,21,25,24,25,25,43$, $31,230,32,246,2,79,191,192,205,138,255,48,250,293$
$124,181,32,249,205,134,255,48,235,6,156,205,829,241,6,201,205,13$
150 REM $134,255,48,228,62,199,184,48,224,36,32,24,6,201,205,13$, $8,255,48,213,120,254,212,48,244,205,138,255,20$
$0,6,176,24,24,8,32,5,221,117,0,24,10,203: 5770,27,8,6,178,46,1,205$ 160 REM $17,173,192,121,31,79,19,24,2,221,35,27,8,6,176,16,1,205$ $, 134,255,208,62,203,184,203,21,6,176,21,1831$
$, 179,32,209,124,254,7,201,205,138,255: 5531,127,219,254,31,208,169$ ' 170 REM $208,62,22,61,32,253,167,4,200,62,254,55,201,251,201: 4535$ $, 230,32,40,243,121,47,79,230,7,246,1,217,254,32,34,165,0,34,164$, 180 REM $243,219,187,33,172,0,34,170,0,33,33,22,34,16$
$6,235,33,144,107,1,87,3,237,16,210,207,67,192,195,212,48,207$ 200 REM $203,99,202,49,33,6,239,237,88,203,67,192,195,212,45,207$ , $71,62,195,50,46,33,33,17$
\$, 237,176,195,80,0:4252
$210 \mathrm{REM} \mathrm{p}, 3,15,9,6,5,8,6,5,4,6,4,6,9,5,4,6,3,3,12,3,5,4,6,3,3$ 220 REM $4,5,3,15,9,6,5,8,6,5,4,6,4,6,9,5,4,6,3,3,12,3,5,5,6,3,5$, $, 13,3,6,7,4,6,3,3,14,3,4,17,3,16,7,4,9,3,6,6$
$, 13,3,5,7,4,6,3,5,4,7,23,17,3,12,11,5,3: 630$
4, 3,9 REM
230 REM 30257,161 : POKE 30258, 47: PORE 30268, $168:$ POKE 30269, 4 240 POKE 30257 137: POKE 30272,14
7: POKE 30271,1214 POKE 30567,59 : POKE 30503,44 : POKE 30583,52 250 POKE 30566,21 POKE 30586,59
POKE 30585,214, 25

Coming soon, yet another system File which will give you extra Coming soon, yot ancil no spectrum nemory will

## Expfoling effe

This monthe quota of ExPANDING GENS contains the start of the new commands, but first a small correction to last months ifating. At line 1700 (page 16) change thp 'DEFW' command to 'JR', the mods will then run correctly.

One of the commands I miased in the oxiginal GENS was a block line mover, it makes reorganizing an assembler listing or loading listing modules much less time consuming. My routine acts as a replacement for the HT" dump command wich I have not converted to disc sAve. I uere the " $\mathrm{R}^{\mathrm{H}}$ run command for this block save since $I$ prefer to test my code under monitor control (I use the ULTIMON monitor program rather than MONS3 bince it has a Run command with break out option). This nate command needs threc arguments, FIRST iine number of the nove block, LAST line number of the move block then NEW LOCATION line number. The block will be stored in screen wemory, erased from the textfile then transferred to the move-to line number. The first part of the lieting converte these arguments to the appropriate textfilo addressen and stores them. The sove-to numbar will be fn the assembler Eilename buffer. All these values are thon error teated and if the move block will flt into scraen mamory the progran continues with the actual transfer operation wioh 18 a simple code block move roukine. The direction of line transfer dictates whether to use the LDIR or LDDR function. The block of lines, safely stored in screen memory, is then transferred back Into the textflle and the whole textfile will then be renumbered with atep interval ton.

The LISTER routine from line 2660 gives an amended printer listing which I think is much more legible, Any comments are moved to column 36 and printed in lower case. The printer is set to the U.S. character sat ("H" instead of "E") and eight lines per inch. I have also incoxporated a printing break option as I find that if you press the Brask key with an interrupt-driven program it will display the GDOS break message ther crash. Kepping any key pressed will halt printing when a line and is reached and a return to GENS input mode made. If you want to continue with the listing then just reuse the "H" command with new arguments.

The birat part of LIsTER will find the start and end adrosses of tho textifile block to be printed. If the ttart ine input is larger than the and line, then tha program jumpr to the pago lister routine \{LIST\} at line 2850$\}$ which prints the whole textfile in separate, numbered pages with (NUM1) lines per page and (NMM2) newlines between each page. Line 3560 is the start of the line number print routine using the ROM stack print routine.

9, the right space key, is used as a separator within Character 9, the right space key, is used as of right cursor the textfile and is encered evches for these separators as well as is entered. "." character which denotes inne conments. Esch part of the the i character whed using the TAB print command as necessary, line is neatly printed using whe command to be a new program
 exit. Ae you "111 acand is used I enter the ultimon monjto the assemblez "B" command is exited i rekurn to GEMS. The routine program and when that is exited exits with a stop error.
just coples the All these routines are incorporated within of the original. Whilet retaining the full rolocatabiaiky of the In this short series we are convarting Hzsopr en xce the full. assemblar to use the DISC2FiE The first part of GENS at 27000 is the relocation foutine which is why when you re-enter the programes table at the end from the load address. This takes the adarese the contents of the of the loaded GENS and adds each address tin GENS. Here will be "BC" registers so forming an address within the start of gens of found an address giving the distance If this relative value is the routine to be called or jurped to. Ifto GENS you will have added to the " $B C$ " value and stored back adress regardless of the formed the required call or jump adaress the end of GENS is original load position. The adrex sifile gaved with the code but will be overwilig into the high ontered. To save the code enter both distigs symbol orrorig when memory GENS PPUT first to prevent uncerined symol can then be assembing) then SAVE code 26580,9645 . This from that load address, loaded at any memory adaress within GEMS The RELO code at line 2430 will compare lo whether relocation is with the "BC" load address value to decide whether rate address is required, or a warm reotacked and a RETurn made.

I hope that the above gives you sone ldeas on modifying the GENS program, there is no reason to use the routimes exactiy as listed they can be changed as required. I find it easier to test them as normal code then incorporate then into GEnS with the necessary relocation symbols. The star the aiterations to GENS is to find the command jump cable alter the alterations (855A in my version) and disassemble and alter code 者


LD D, (IIL) EX DE, HL AND A
SBC HL, BC
RET C "Jump to start of gens ("bc" on stack)
POP BC
LD HL, 6
ADD HL, BC PUSH HL RET

LISTER
LD A, CALL 11601 L1 8,1
CALL PRINTER-DK CALL FNDADR JR C,LIST3 IR 2,LIST3 ADD HL, DE EX DE,HL PUSH DE
CALL LINEPRINT-D
POP DE
RET NZ
AND A
AOD IIL, DE
JR C.LIST2
R1期
4D HL, (TXTSRT) KOR A
CD (BUFFER + 3) CALL HLERD RET NC
LD B, 2 CALL PRINTER-DK LD EC, H023B D DE, BUFF2 (D) $A$, (DE) $L D A$, (DE
INC DE CP 13 JR $\underset{\sim}{2}, \mathrm{~L} 15 \mathrm{~T} 7$ CP"*" JR NZ,LIST5 CD A, (DE) $\begin{array}{ll} \\ \text { CP } & 13 \\ 13\end{array}$ 1R Z,LIST7 RST 16 RST 16 INC DE JR LISTG
ump to start of gens "bc" on stack)
iff "hl"s "bc" - start of gens ;empty stack
; Warm restart location within gens stack thif value jump to it.
"w" $=1115 t$ command
select line printar
indtialine printor gottinga
lprint from list
find addrs of start of and Ilnes if atart inne H end line then ;goto single-page print lister tibe reform addresses "h1"motart addr f "de"mend addr ;save end position
DX iprint out one line
frecover stop pesint address ;abandon print if any key pressed ;current posn. - end posn.
fonto noxt lino
;unless curent it end woen.
illist whole textille izero page number counter ;page counter ;compara "hl" s (textend) ;exit if to textfile ; set to underline mode
;check asm. input buffer for at ileast two commas (e.g. woo, 2,test) in main text buffer
: test for only ane comma
it therefore no heading to print
;now at start of heading
inowlfne at heading end
iprint headiny
ispacer countor

Thats all I've got room for this month but I will be back next month with the next installment.


[^0]:    
    2 REIT * BULR ERASE UTILITY *
    3 REM * For DISCiPLE GDOS V3*
    1 REM * or PLUS D G+DOS
    REM ************ * * * * * *****
    6 REM - (C) 1988 Ifbug.
    REM *********************
    B REM
    10 CLEAR
    20 POKE 23658, 1
    30 CLS
    40 LET P $\$$ CHR $\$ 17$ CHR $\$ 5+$ CIRR $\$ 19 *$ CIRR $\$ 1$ ** DISCIPLE BULK-ERASE M1 "
    50 PRINT Ps" "insert DISC into drive $1 .{ }^{*}$
    60 PRItTT Ho; "press any key whon ready."
    70 PAUSE 1: PAUSE 0
    80 CLS: PRIHT ES'* FLASII 1 ;" CREATING CATALOGUE. "
    90 POKE SO256,0
    $100 \mathrm{DIM} \mathrm{E} \$(80,10): \operatorname{LET} \mathrm{F}=0$
    110 FOR I=0 TO 3: FOR $J=1$ TO 10
    120 LOAD et, I, J, 50000
    130 FOR Ka 50000 TO 50256 STEP 256
    140 IP PEEK K=0 THEN GOTO 170
    150 cosus 460
    160 LET $\mathrm{F}=\mathrm{F}+1$ : $\mathrm{LET} \mathrm{F} \$\{\mathrm{~F}\}=\mathrm{T}$
    170 NEXT K

